Rehabilitation of Slum Dwellers in Delhi

1973. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of slum dwellers in Delhi to be rehabilitated;

(b) the details of the plan of their rehabilitation; and

(c) the steps taken to check/stop the construction of new jhuggies on Government land, in future?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Slum & JJ Department (Municipal Corporation of Delhi) has reported that there are at present about 30 lakh slum dwellers in Delhi.

(b) The Government of NCT of Delhi have adopted the following three pronged strategy to deal with the JJ dwellers in the National Capital Territory of Delhi:

(i) Where the JJ dwellers are residing since prior to 31.1.1990 on land urgently required by the land owning agency for the execution of a public purpose project such JJ dwellers are relocated elsewhere.

(ii) In-situ upgradation of the JJ colony/cluster is resorted to where the land owning agency does not need the land in the foreseeable future and gives NOC to the effect that such clusters may be upgraded.

(iii) Civic amenities like water supply, street lighting, road, storm water drains, etc. are provided in JJ clusters, which do not fall in categories (i) and (ii) above.

(c) Government have been issuing instructions to land owning agencies from time to time, for taking effective steps to protect their lands from encroachments.

Technology Mission on Disposal of solid Waste

1974. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert committee constituted by the Supreme Court has recommended that Government should set up a high level National Technology Mission of disposal of Solid Waste; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations and Government's decision and response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on Solid Waste Management in Class I cities has recommended the constitution of a Technology Mission under the Ministry of Urban Development for a period of 5 years to monitor the performance of various local bodies, provide guidance about various technologies for processing and disposal of waste, give technical and financial assistance by channelising funds from various Government sources as well as financial institutions, develop material for awareness programmes, identify training needs, bench-mark performance indicators, give continued and focused attention to the reform of solid waste management practice nation-wide.

The Government had considered this recommendation in consultation with the concerned Ministries and Planning Commission. It was decided that it would not be possible to provide any additional resources for the setting up of such a Mission. In principle, Government of India's intervention in municipal affairs is rather limited as solid waste management is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, keeping in view the spirit of the recommendation of the Committee, a Technology Advisory Group was constituted on 18.8.99 under the chairmanship of Adviser, Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisation and consisting of representatives from some of the State Governments, Municipal Corporations and concerned Ministries/ Departments to look into certain specific aspects of solid waste management, viz., appropriate technology, financial resources, human resource development, private sector participation and public awareness.

Complaints Received by CPWD in Sarojini Nagar

1975. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by CPWD enquiry office (Block-A), Sarojini Nagar and out of those the number of complaints not attended to, for more than three months; and